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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, SO, US
SUBJ: DEFERRAL OF MILITARY SURVEY TEAM VISIT:
CODEL LEGGETT

REF: STATE 171302

1. DEPARTMENT MAY RECALL THAT EMBASSY ADDIS LEARNED OF CODEL PRICE VISIT TO MOGADISCIO LAST FALL ONLY BY ACCIDENT, I.E., EMBOFF RETURNING FROM NAIROBI. ACCORDING TO ACTING MININFORMATION, VIOLENT PMGSE REACTION WAS AVERTED ONLY BY FACT CHARGE GOT TRUTH ABOUT NATURE OF VISIT TO HIM BEFORE WIRE STORIES BROKE. (EMBASSY HAD SENT IMMEDIATE CABLE ASKING FOR INFO.)

2. REFTTEL IS FIRST EMBASSY ADDIS HAS HEARD ABOUT CODEL LEGGETT (PRESUMABLY ALSO OF ARMED FORCES COMMITTEE) VISIT TO MOGADISCIO THIS WEEK OTHER THAN UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT SOMETHING ABOUT CONGRESSIONAL VISIT TO MOG WAS ON VOA.

3. ACTION REQUEST: INFO BY IMMEDIATE CABLE ON NATURE OF CODEL LEGGETT VISIT TO MOGADISCIO AND GUIDANCE ON
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WHAT CAN BE PASSED TO PMGSE. THIS IS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT IN VIEW EXPECTED CALL OF NEW AF/E DIRECTOR BEYER ON MOFA OFFICIALS. MANY THANKS.
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